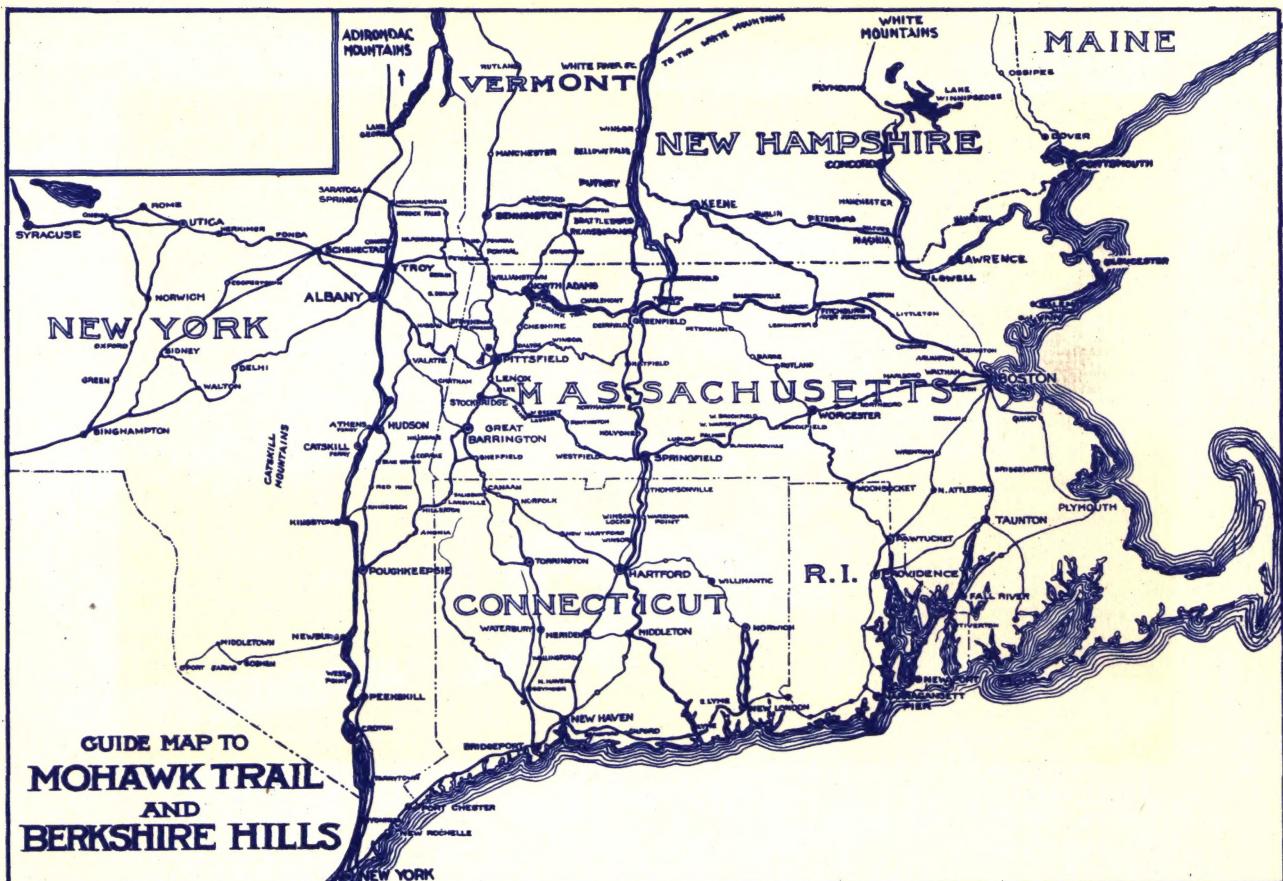
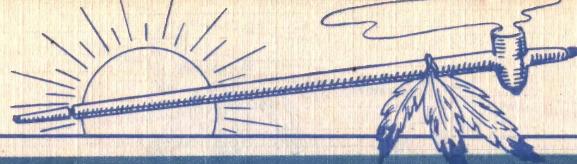


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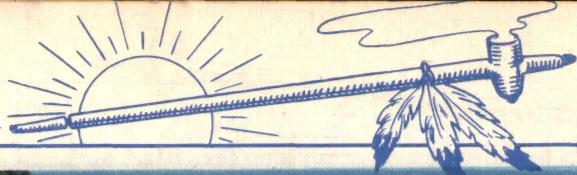




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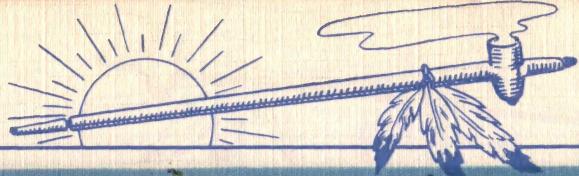
The Elk at Whitcomb Summit Overlooking
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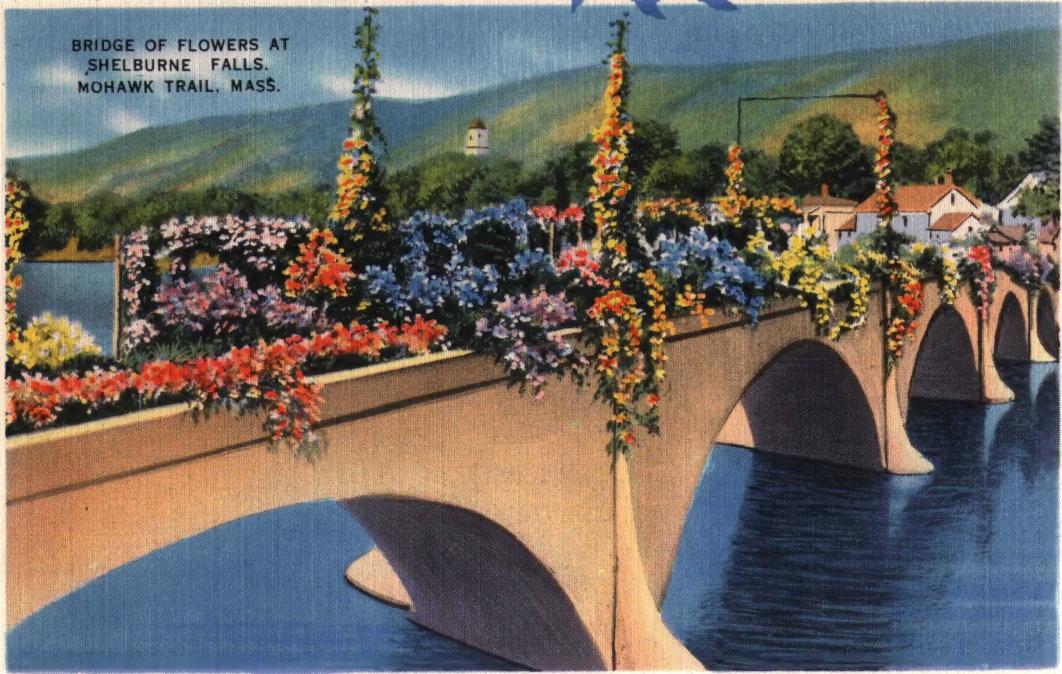


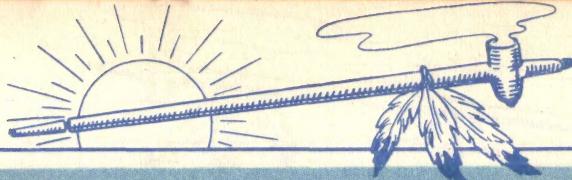
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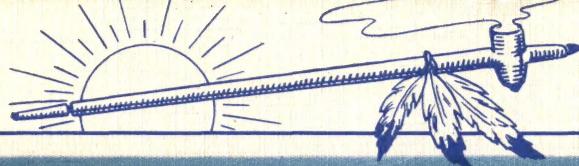
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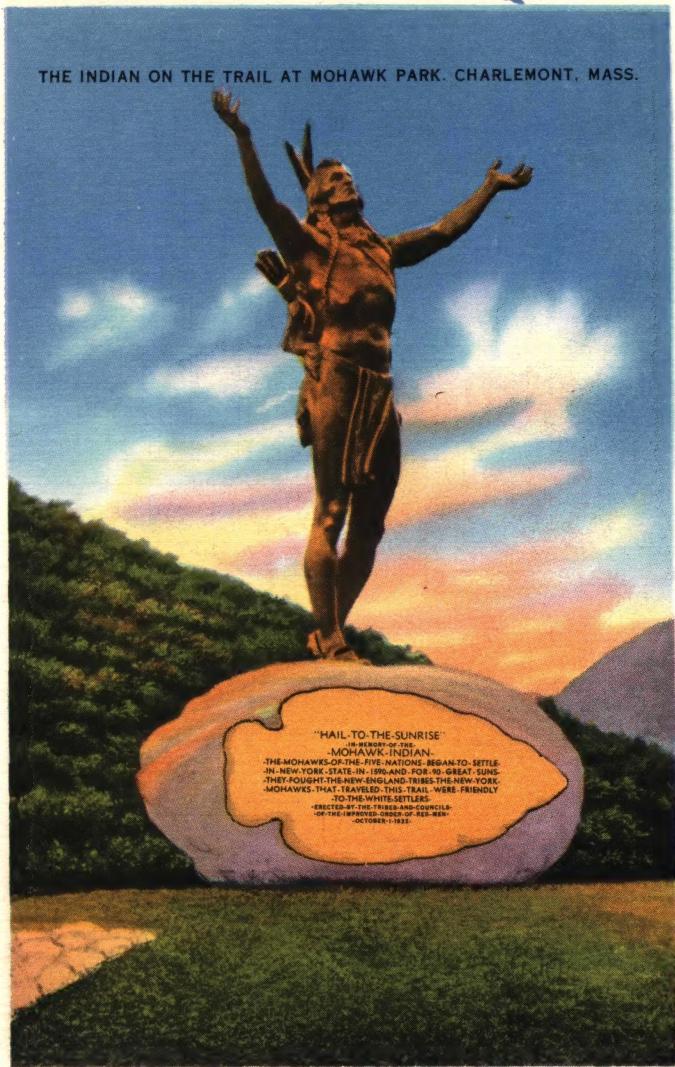


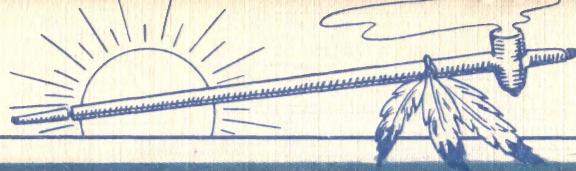
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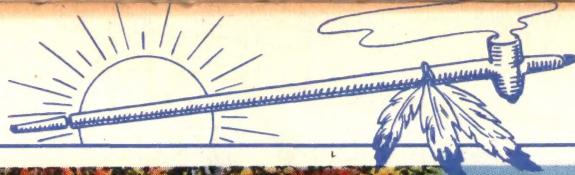
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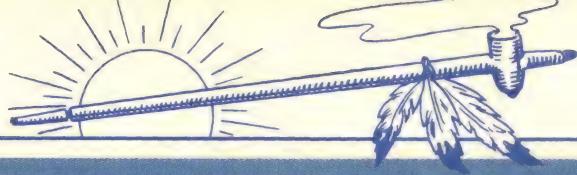
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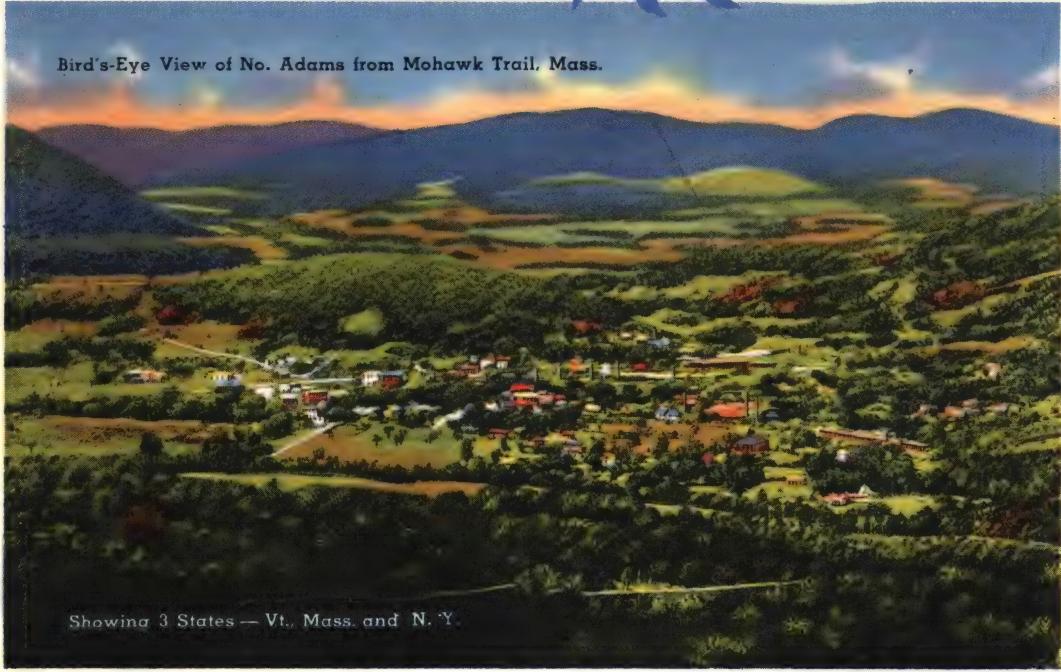


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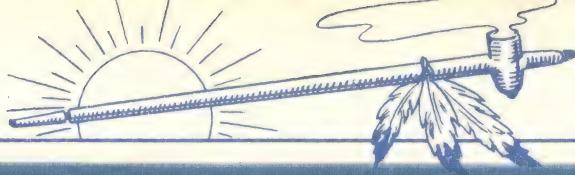




Bird's-Eye View of No. Adams from Mohawk Trail, Mass.

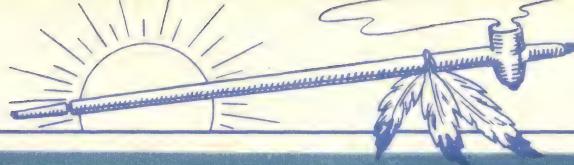


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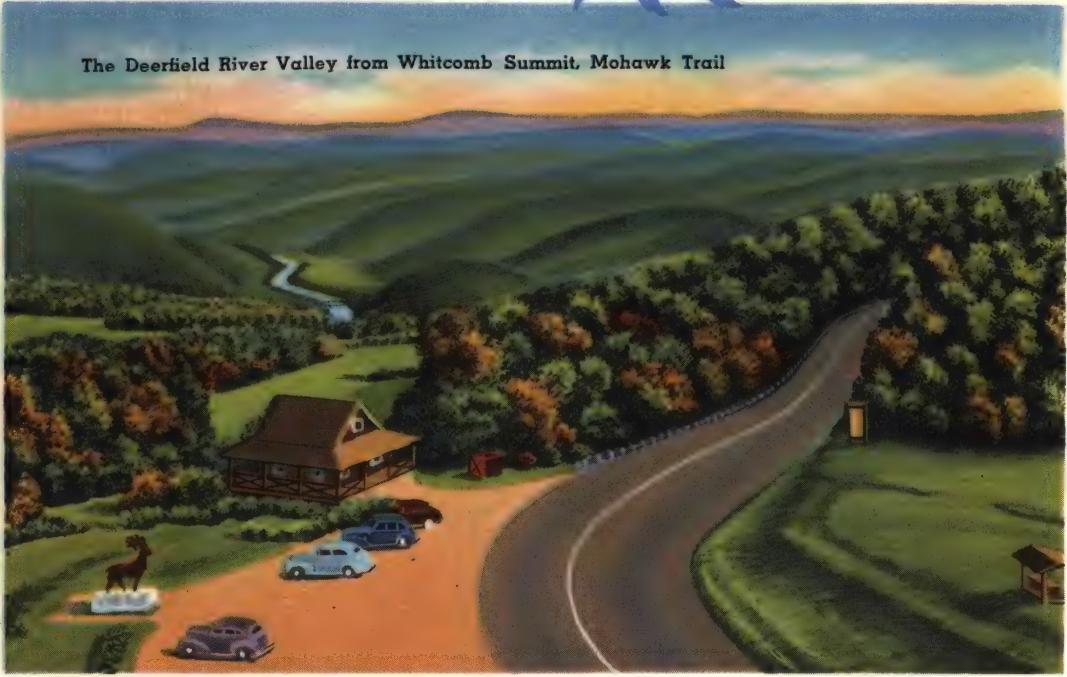


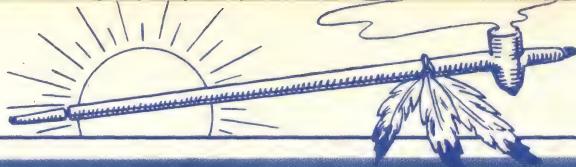
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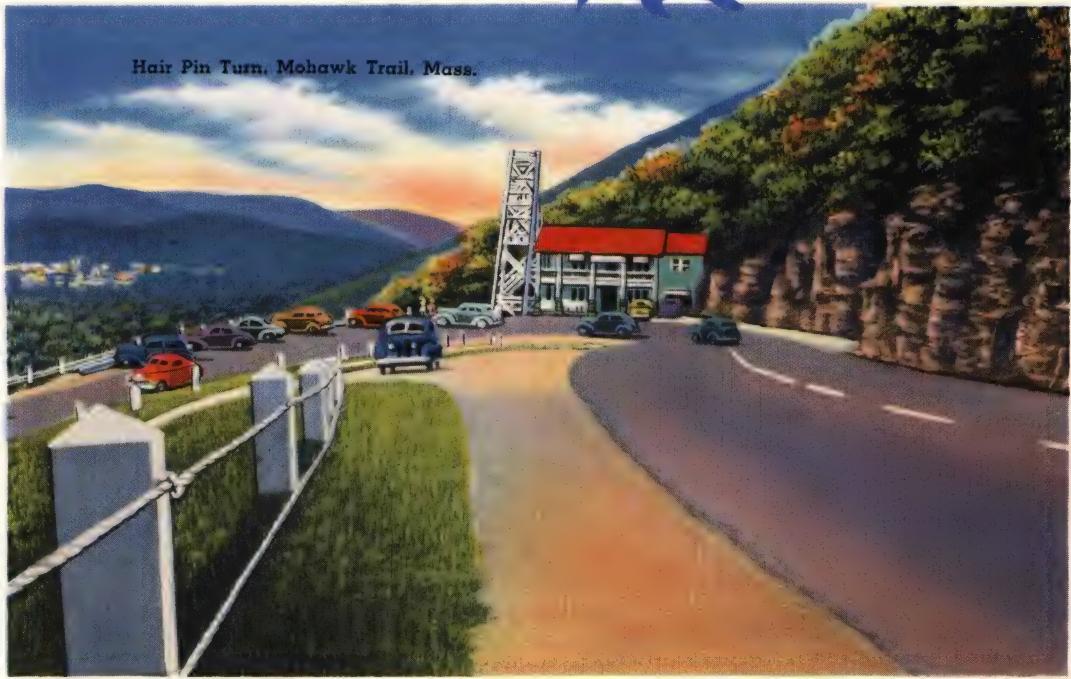


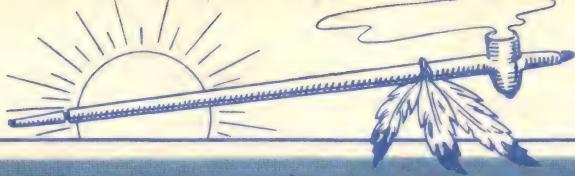
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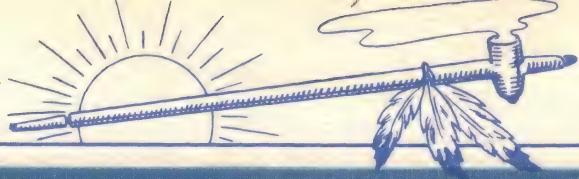
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Taconic Trail Tourist Shop, Top of Taconic Trail



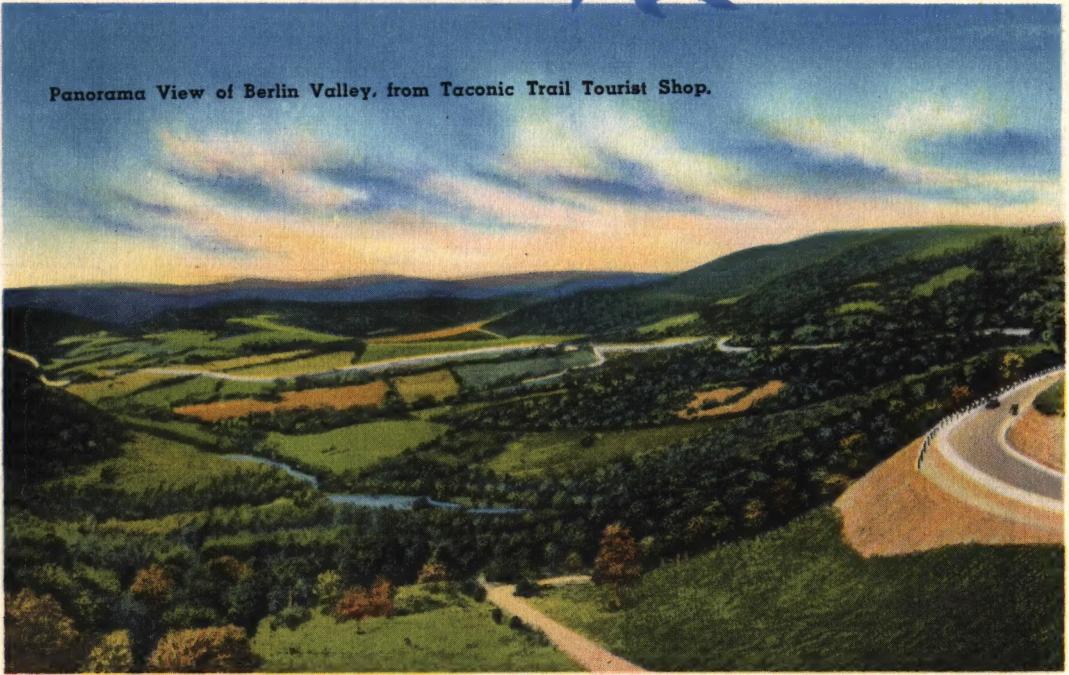


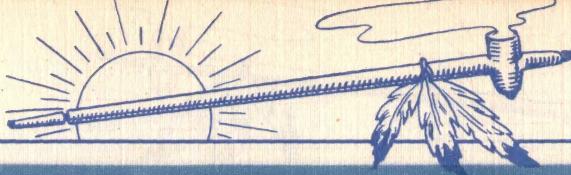
Looking Towards Williamstown from the Summit, Taconic Trail



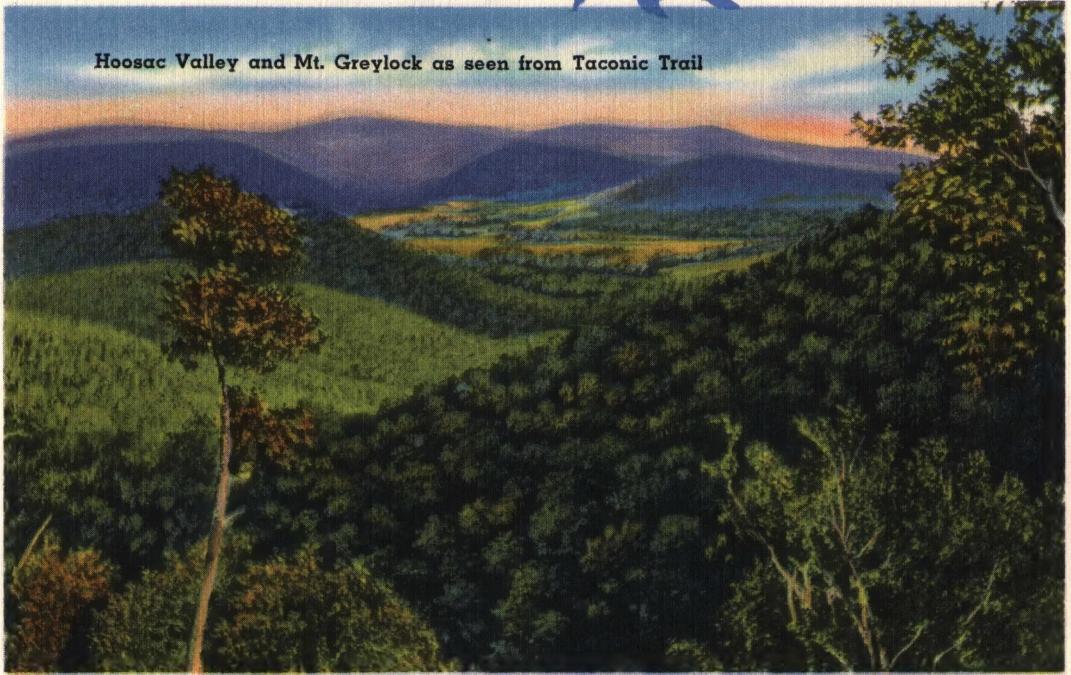


Panorama View of Berlin Valley, from Taconic Trail Tourist Shop.





Hoosac Valley and Mt. Greylock as seen from Taconic Trail



THE MOHAWK TRAIL—THE TAConIC TRAIL

The Mohawk Trail and the Taconic Trails together form the western gateway to New England, and are the newest of the scenic highways opened by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Presenting a marvelous and varied scenery unrivaled in the East, the fame of the Mohawk Trail and of the Taconic Trail is spreading throughout the country. Constructed at a cost of millions of dollars, these highways surmount the Hoosac and Taconic ranges of mountains and have justified their cost, for each day in the summer thousands of motorists attracted by the beauty of the Berkshire Hills pass over this through direct route to New England.

The Mohawk Trail follows the route travelled centuries ago by the savage Mohawk Indians in their yearly war parties from the Valley of the Hudson to the Valley of the Connecticut. In later years, as civilization slowly pushed westward, the route was followed by a stagecoach road, parts of which are still in existence. The Old Mohawk Indian Trail, one of the oldest highways on this continent, crossed parts of three states, Eastern New York, Southern Vermont, and Western Massachusetts. And after the Indians had given way to the early frontiersmen, this trail served as the only means of communication between the East and the West. As such, it saw many stirring scenes, for it traverses historic ground. From the Hudson eastward it passes the home of the original Knickerbocker immortalized by Washington Irving; skirts the town of Bennington, famous in Revolutionary days; runs through Pownal where two presidents, Garfield and Arthur, taught school; through Williamstown, seat of Williams College, founded by and named for Colonel Ephraim Williams who commanded the militia in this section during the French and Indian War; through North Adams past the site of Fort Massachusetts westernmost of the string of forts constructed as a barrier to guard the western frontier of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; across the Hoosac range, the main obstacle of the old Trail, and now the objective of lovers of scenic beauty; on to Greenfield and its near neighbor, Old Deerfield, famed for the Indian Massacre at Bloody Brook in King Philip's War.

Noted, then, as is the Mohawk Trail, first for its historic associations, and again for its marvelous scenic beauty, it is no less interesting in that it crossed a mountain which is pierced by one of the longest railroad tunnels in the United States. The Hoosac Tunnel, completed in 1874 by the State of Massachusetts at a cost of over \$20,000,000 and 196 human lives, brought to an end the usefulness of the Old Mohawk Trail. The tunnel serves as part of one of the main arteries of railroad travel between the eastern and western sections of the country. But, now once again, the tide of travel is passing over instead of through the mountain, and the motorist on the new Mohawk Trail actually passes over a point directly over the Hoosac Tunnel two thousand feet below. *

Of the many points of interest on the Mohawk Trail, two are outstanding. The first is the "Hairpin Turn," that complete "about-face" of the Trail half-way up the western slope of Hoosac mountain. From the air, the Trail at this point looks much like the name suggests—a gigantic hairpin. The view into North Adams and the Stamford Valley from the Hairpin Turn is incomparable.

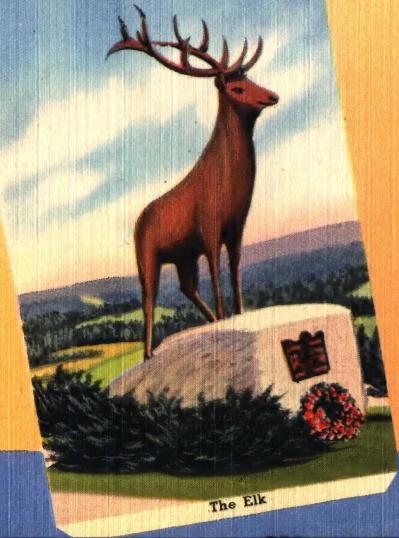
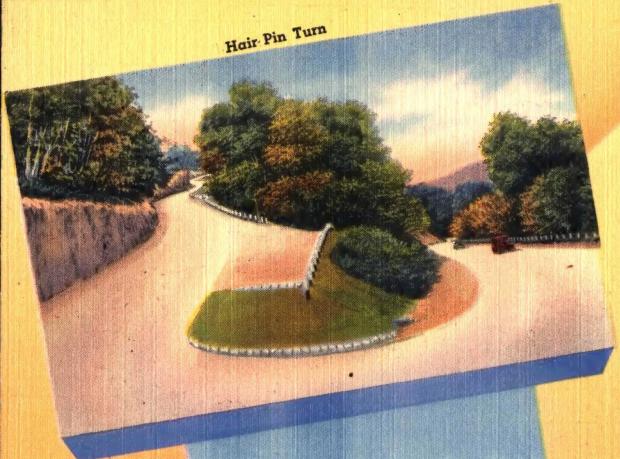
The second point of interest is the Whitcomb Summit, highest point on the Mohawk Trail, built on the site first settled by the pioneers of Hoosac Mountain—the Whitcomb family. From Whitcomb Summit the traveller can view the vast panoramic scene to the east as well as being able to see four different mountain ranges in as many different states, namely: The White Mountains in New Hampshire, the Green Mountains in Vermont, the Berkshire Hills in Massachusetts, and the Taconic range in New York State. Here, too, one will find the famous Elk monument to World War I veterans. Whitcomb Summit is one of the oldest tourist lodges and was founded by a local businessman and photographer, C. R. Canedy.

The Taconic Trail is the newest addition to the through route to New England which includes the Mohawk Trail and is listed on all road maps in the U.S. Route No. 2. The New Taconic Trail extends from Troy, N. Y. on the west to Williamstown on the east, and passes over the Taconic Range of mountains which affords many scenes of breath-taking grandeur.

At the highest point of the Taconic Trail, the traveller may enjoy the sweeping panoramic views both to the east into Massachusetts and to the west into New York State. And, here too, at the Top, is the Taconic Trail Tourist Shop which offers complete services to the tourist.

Of the beauty of the country through which the Mohawk and Taconic Trails pass, Nathaniel Hawthorne in his American Notebook says:

"I have never driven through such romantic scenery, where there was such a variety of mountain shapes as this, and though it was a bright sunny day, the mountain diversified the air with sunshine and shadow and glory and gloom."



"YOU CAN ROAM WHERE
FANCY LEADS YOU
OVER HILL AND DALE,
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